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## Community Thanksgiving Feast

Supervisor Taylor partnered with Dream Team United to hand a free warm meal out to the community on Thanksgiving Day this year. This feast gave an opportunity to safely come together and assist those in need during the holidays. Along with a warm meal, free groceries and winter gear were given out. This event was able to hand out 150 new free coats.



## Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! With the cold weather upon us, this is the best time to stay home with our loved ones and do our part to stop the spreading of COVID-19.

Let us remember that the holidays and the added COVID-19 stress, can make this a difficult time for some of us. Mental health during this time is important to address. Be sure to check in with your family, friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

Thank you for electing me to serve you. It is an honor to continue to represent and serve the wonderful people of District 2.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature of Sequanna Taylor in green ink.

**Sequanna Taylor**  
Milwaukee County Supervisor  
District 2  
1st Vice Chairwoman

## Purple Alert: County Calls for a System for Domestic Violence Victims

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution by Supervisor Taylor that calls for the State to implement a Purple Alert System for domestic violence victims. As of October 26th, 78 Wisconsin lives have been lost to domestic violence homicide in 2020. One person is killed approximately every 4 days. If that pattern continues, 95 lives will be lost this year, surpassing last year's numbers.

This resolution calls for the time to file a missing person report be shortened when the missing person has history of being a domestic violence victim or has a restraining order. The waiting time of 48 hours is an immensely crucial period that dictates the outcome of the case. Supervisor Taylor hopes to continue her advocacy for domestic violence all throughout the year through continuous collaboration with community grassroots organizations.



*Ms. Carrie Scott-Haney (left) is a mother who lost her daughter, Audrey Scott to domestic violence. She spoke in support of the Purple Alert Resolution to the Health and Human Needs Committee.*

## The 2021 Milwaukee County Budget

Fall is budget season, and every Milwaukee County budget starts with listening to our constituents.

I held my very first two online budget listening sessions on Monday, October 19th with Supervisor Goodwin and on Wednesday, October 21st with Supervisor Felesia Martin and Supervisor Eddie Cullen. The Board of Supervisors also held its annual public hearing on the 2021 County budget on October 30.

Ensuring that we remain engaged with the people we serve during the Coronavirus pandemic has been challenging due to limitations on public gatherings, but technology has made it easier. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time, and thanks to those of you who joined us for these virtual events to share your priorities for the 2021 budget.

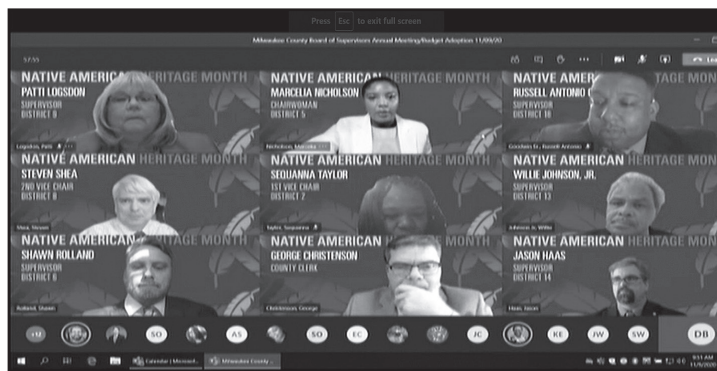
Unfortunately, every budget also starts with a gap that must be filled in order to balance it. The budget gap arises every year because of something we call the structural deficit, or a built-in gap between the revenue available to the county and the inflation in costs to provide the same services and programming. Finding a permanent solution to the structural deficit is a top priority.

Over the past 10 years, Milwaukee County has cut an average of \$30 million a year each year in order to balance the budget. The initial estimate of the 2021 gap was about \$42 million but it was ultimately closer to \$35 million. (This number will continue to increase every year.) One-time emergency federal funding from the CARES Act was a tremendous help in filling in the gap this year.

The Board's Finance Committee held several open meetings on the 2021 budget throughout October and early November, where we listened to budget requests from County departments and division leaders and considered budget amendments from Supervisors. Supervisor Haas, who is serving as Chair of the Finance Committee for the first time during the 2020-22 term, did a tremendous job of efficiently leading the committee through their work and facilitating open, fair, and focused deliberations on the Recommended Budget.

The Board of Supervisors adopted the final version of the 2021 budget on November 9 after approving several amendments from Supervisors, including the two Amendments I authored. My first amendment called for the \$1 million in savings to be utilized in programming for youth transitioning from Lincoln Hills and Cooper Lake. This amendment makes the transition programming available to the youth and their families now. My second amendment called for there to be no less than a report every quarter on the integration of Department of Aging into Department of Health and Human Services to the Board. This would create pathway to get concerns, questions, and comments answered through a transparent integration process.

This is the first year that a Board Chairperson has proposed using shared values to guide our budget work. The five guiding principles that Chairwoman Nicholson proposed were racial equity, preparation, collaboration, sustainability, and decorum.



*Supervisor Taylor attends the November 9 Milwaukee County Board meeting to adopt the 2021 County Budget.*

I want to thank the Chairwoman for proposing this framework and my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors for honoring these shared values, as they helped create a constructive, focused, and respectful process that ensured all voices were heard.

This budget is the first in Milwaukee County history to be guided by a plan for achieving racial equity and improving the health of all Milwaukee County residents.

My colleagues on the Board of Supervisors adopted amendments that built upon County Executive David Crowley's foundational and historic budget by boosting efforts to achieve racial equity and serve our most vulnerable neighbors, especially those affected by the pandemic.

This is a budget that Milwaukee County can be proud of. I joined with my colleagues in voting for the final version of the adopted budget on November 9.

## SECOND DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT ORGANIZATION: ComForce MKE



ComForce MKE is a community organization that is made up of community/resident/youth leaders, activists, faith-based orgs, and elected individuals. Their work is centered around creating unity, peace, and progress in Milwaukee and their work has only expanded since the COVID-19 pandemic. They offered meals and COVID-19

care packages to homes across the city. Additionally, during the November elections, they held a Poll Patrol program that offered light snacks and refreshments to poll workers, as well as completed safety assessments.



## County Resources During COVID-19

### IMPACT 2-1-1

During times of personal crisis or community disaster, this free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected with nonprofit and government agencies providing services in your area 24/7/365. Simply **dial 2-1-1** or go to: [www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1](http://www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1). Provide your need and zip code to receive a list of services available nearby.

### Emergency Food Map

All over Milwaukee, there are spots handing out free meals out to the community. The Hunger Task Force created a map tool that allows you to check out what location is closest to you.

[www.tinyurl.com/y66ybp43](http://www.tinyurl.com/y66ybp43)

### Renters Assistance

Community Advocates assists individuals and families who are facing eviction. In partnership with Milwaukee County Eviction Prevention Funds, to financially assist in rent, rent arrears, utility assistance, security deposit, and first month's rent. The Rent Assistance Pre-Application can be found and submitted on [communityadvocates.net](http://communityadvocates.net) or requested by emailing [renthelp@communityadvocates.net](mailto:renthelp@communityadvocates.net). An applicant can also request an application by calling the Rent Help Line at **(414) 270-4646**.

### 24-Crisis Hotline

If you are feeling overwhelmed or anxious due to social distancing, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division offers resources. If you do require of professional counselors, you can reach out to **(414) 257-7222**.

### Energy Assistance

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment\* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!



#### 1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

#### 2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.

- Apply October 1 - May 15.
- Visit **KeepWarmMKE.org** or
- Call **270-4MKE (4653)**. Dial 211 for after-hours help.

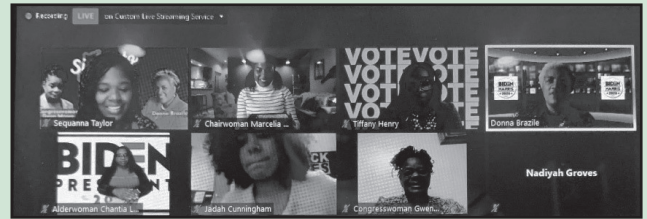
#### 3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

*\*Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)*

## Representing Virtually

Through this year of change and uncertainty, Supervisor Taylor has been able to keep serving District 2, virtually. She attends meetings with County Departments, the County Board, the community, grassroots organizations, and constituents via online platforms. This year she hosted her very first virtual town halls in collaboration with other board members, including Supervisors Felesia Martin and Eddie Cullen, to answer constituent questions on the 2021 Recommended County Budget.



*Two of the many virtual meetings Supervisor Taylor has hosted and attended during this unprecedented year.*

## Community Assistance Resource List

**Shelter Hotline:** 302-6633

### Men

**Milwaukee Rescue Mission (Safe Harbor):**

1820 W. Wells St. • 935-0200

**Guest House of Milwaukee:** 1216 N. 13th St. • 345-3240

**Salvation Army Emergency Lodge:** 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360

**Salvation Army Respite Care:** 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360

**Hope House:** 209 W. Orchard St. • 645-2122

### Women

**Cathedral Center, Inc.:**

845 N. Van Buren St. • 831-0394 (x2153 or x2114)

**Salvation Army Emergency Lodge:** 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360

**Salvation Army Respite Care:** 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360

**Hope House:** 209 W. Orchard St. • 645-2122

**Casa Maria:** 1131 N. 21st St. • 344-5745

### Families

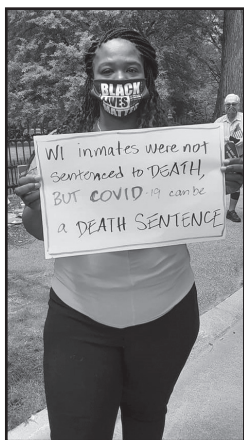
**Community Information Line:** 211

**A-Call:** 302-6633

## Call for Inmate's Early Release to Reduce COVID-19 Spread

Supervisor Taylor proposed a resolution that calls Governor Evers to release some inmates to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The proposal passed with a vote of 15-2 by the County Board.

Inmates must follow criteria to be considered for the release. Criteria includes those that are at high-risk of fatal COVID-19 complications, those with crimeless revocation and have less than a year left sentence, and those scheduled to be released within 9 months of the passing of this resolution.



*Supervisor Taylor attends event in support and calling for some inmates to be released to reduce the spread of COVID-19.*

## Supervisor Taylor Awards & Recognitions

### 2020 Woman of Excellence

Supervisor Taylor was a 2020 Wisconsin Leadership Community Choice Award winner by being named as the 2020 Woman of Excellence. She was recognized for her continued community work in various leadership roles. This year, they announced the winners through a virtual award show that took place on Friday, October 9th.



*Supervisor Taylor is pictured celebrating being named Woman of Excellence*

### "Give Them Their Flowers Now" Mural

Art-I-Culture, a company Supervisor Taylor, local artists, and community organizer Sam Alford led a project that recognized Black community leaders in a form of mural. The "Give Them Their Flowers Now" mural is located at the intersection of North 14th and Vliet Street. This project was hoping to give leaders the recognition for their hard work that they deserve, while they are still alive.



*"Give Them Their Flowers Now" located at the intersection of North 14th and Vliet Streets, highlighting Supervisor Sequanna Taylor.*

### Shepherd Express

The oldest and most prestigious readers choices, the Shepherd Express nominated Supervisor Taylor as Milwaukee County Supervisor along with other County Board Supervisors. It was an honor to be considered for the Award along with her colleagues. (Results don't come until December).

## SECOND DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT INDIVIDUAL: Farina Brooks

Farina Brooks is the founder of DreamTeam United MKE. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, she has worked tirelessly to implement initiatives that will respond to the increasing demands of the community. Ms. Brooks has been a leading voice in the importance of providing resources. Through various events and grassroots organization collaborations, she has participated in providing vast resources, food, care packages, and giveaways to those have been impacted this year.



*From left, Supervisor Taylor, Camille Mays, and Farina Brooks at their annual Thanksgiving Dinner day on November 26th.*



# Supervisor Taylor in the Community

## Pop Up Community Cookout

Throughout the summer, with the leadership from Dream Team United MKE, Supervisor Taylor was able to participate in pop ups that would offer residents free food and resources. The highest rate in unemployment in years is happening to our Milwaukee residents right now and community organizers are taking the time to address the ongoing crisis. This pop up that was held in various places was able to alleviate those in great need.



*Supervisor Taylor attended various pop up events this summer that provided free groceries to communities in great need.*



## Feed Your City Challenge

Supervisor Taylor participated in the Feed your city Challenge that is touring across the United States to bring groceries to those in need in the Pullman Community in Chicago. This challenge hope to address the food insecurity many communities are phasing because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this event alone, the community was able to receive 95,000 pounds of groceries. Feed Your City Challenge was founded by retired NBA start Ricky Davis and music industry legend Tony Draper, and they were joined by Nick Cannon and Common.



## Annual Book Bag Drive

On August 13th, the Smith and Haynes family host a book bag drive in honor of the life of Sylvile Smith. Supervisor Taylor participated in providing children with the necessary tools to succeed in school.



## Rock Da Block

Dream Team United MKE hosted their annual Rock Da Block event this past September. This fun event features a concert, free groceries, resources, and a backpack giveaway. Supervisor Taylor was sure to take on a leadership role to make this event possible while still following safety guidelines to protect the participants. More than ever with these unprecedented times, an event to lift spirits and offer community resources are needed.



## We Care Crew Launch

On June 16th, the We Care Crew launched to support communities of color during this difficult time. The crew distributes face masks and resource bags. This initiative was possible with the partnership between the Office on African American Affairs (OAAA), Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), Milwaukee County Parks, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), Milwaukee Police Department (MPD), City of Milwaukee Health Department & Office of Violence Prevention (OVP), 414Life, Safe & Sound, the PEAK Initiative, and other community partners. Additional resources include safe programming incorporating physically distanced activities, public health education, and access to Certified Credible Messengers. Supervisor Taylor is excited to take part of this initiative that is #MakingitHappeninthe2nd.



*Sup Taylor speaks on her support for the We Care Crew.*



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## Service Guide for 2nd District Milwaukee County Residents

### 2nd District Milwaukee County Supervisor

**Sequanna Taylor** ..... 278-4278

### Airports

Mitchell International Airport ..... 747-5300

Timmerman Airport ..... 461-3222

**Child Support Enforcement** ..... 615-2593

**City of Milwaukee** ..... 286-CITY (2489)

**Clerk of Circuit Court** ..... 278-5362

**County Clerk** ..... 278-4067

**County Executive** ..... 278-4211

**County Treasurer** ..... 278-4033

### Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) ..... 278-4120

Criminal Division ..... 278-4538

Children's Court ..... 257-7700

**Department on Aging** ..... 289-6874

**Department of Health and Human Services** ... 289-6877

**District Attorney's Office** ..... 278-4646

**Election Commission** ..... 278-4060

### Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) ..... 278-4766

TDD Emergency ..... 278-5252

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) ..... 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours) ..... 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention/  
Mental Health Crisis ..... 257-7222

**Fraud Hotline** ..... 93-FRAUD

**House of Correction** ..... 427-4700

### Jury Services

General Information ..... 278-4468/278-4469

Reserve Juror Message ..... 985-6000

**Marcus Center for the Performing Arts** ..... 273-7121

**Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic.** ..... 278-4067

**Medical Examiner** ..... 223-1200

### Mental Health Complex

General Information ..... 257-6995

Admitting (Emergency) ..... 257-7260

**Milwaukee Art Museum** ..... 224-3200

**Milwaukee County Historical Society** ..... 273-8288

### Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens ..... 525-5600

General Information ..... 257-7275

Parks Hotline ..... 257-5100

Golf Office ..... 257-8024

### District 2 Parks

Kohl Park, 7603 W. County Line Rd ..... 352-7502

Brown Deer Park, 7835 N. Green Bay Rd ..... 352-7502

Schoenecker Park, 6237 N. Hopkins St. .... 461-0839

McGovern Park, 5400 N. 51st Blvd ..... 461-0839

Harriet Tubman Park, 4750 N. 48th St ..... 461-0839

Wyrick Park, 5400 W. Green Tree Rd ..... 461-0839

**Milwaukee County Zoo** ..... 771-3040

**Milwaukee County Sports Complex** ..... 281-2694

**Milwaukee Public Museum** ..... 278-2702

**Office of Persons with Disabilities** ..... 278-3932

**Register in Probate** ..... 278-4444

**Register of Deeds** ..... 278-4021

**Rent Assistance** ..... 278-4894

### Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares ..... 344-6711

Customer Comments ..... 937-3218

Transit Plus ..... 343-1700

**UW-Extension** ..... 256-4600

**Veterans Services** ..... 266-1234

**Victim/Witness Service** ..... 278-4667